

BOARD OF HEALTH Minutes

April 2, 2009

Present: David Kaufman, Ellen Leahy-Pile, Nancy Gilbert, David Ahlfeld

Staff: Epi Bodhi, Ellen Bokina, Pamela Field-Sadler

Other: Attorney D.J. Wilson – Tobacco Control Director/MMA

Joan Hamlett – North Central-Franklin County Tobacco Control Alliance

Diana Stein – Amherst Board of Selectmen Liaison

Meeting opened at 7:10 p.m.

I. Review & Receive

A. Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting minutes from February 19, 2009 -**Accepted as written.**
2. The BOH requested copies of minutes with modifications for their files.

II. New Business

A. Nomination of Animal Inspector

Motion: Ms. Leahy-Pile made the motion, seconded by Ms. Gilbert, to nominate Carol Hepburn and Michael Katz, DVM as Animal Inspectors for the Town of Amherst.

Vote: Unanimous

B. BOH Member Replacement

Ms. Leahy-Pile's term on the Board of Health will expire in July 2009. Ms. Leahy-Pile is willing to vacate the position sooner if someone is interested in serving on the Board of Health.

III. Old Business

A. Tobacco Regulations

Present: Attorney D.J. Wilson – Tobacco Control Director/MMA and Joan Hamlett – North Central-Franklin County Tobacco Control Alliance in attendance.

The BOH reviewed and discussed modified draft documents of the Youth Access Regulations and the Workplaces and Public Places Regulations submitted by Attorney Wilson, as well as comments/suggestions regarding these drafts submitted by Town Counsel. During the discussion the following was noted:

- Attorney Wilson will incorporate agreed upon Town Counsel comments and modifications to the draft Youth Access Regulations and the draft Workplaces and Public Places Regulations for the BOH's consideration
- Ms. Bodhi will provide a list of all town owned property
- LSSE supports smoke free athletic fields

- Ms. Stein will research the permitting process required for outdoor dining
- The regulation of Outdoor Spaces and Smoking Disclosure in Multi-Unit Dwellings will need further discussion/consideration
- Ms. Hamlett will draft a press release for the next BOH meeting; Ms. Bodhi will not publish the press release prior to the BOH's review

III. Director's Report

A. Social Justice

Due to an error, the Amherst showing of *Unnatural Causes* has been changed to May 26, 2009. The showing will take place at the Amherst Middle School; a special invitation is being sent to the members of the Board of Selectmen. During the month of April, ten Community Dialogues will be held; topics will include Emergency Preparedness and Accessing Health and other Town Services.

B. Cambodian Outreach Worker Salary

The portion of the Cambodian Outreach Worker's salary which has been covered by the Town will no longer be funded as of July 1, 2009. Ms. Srey, Cambodian Outreach Worker, has submitted a grant in an effort to supplement a portion of the unavailable funding.

C. Mass in Motion

The *Mass in Motion - Municipal Wellness and Leadership Grant Program* is designed to create a sustained approach for active living and healthy eating. Up to ten municipalities will be funded \$60,000 for up to two years to plan, assess, initiate, and/or expand the implementation of policy, environmental and/or systems approaches which support healthy eating and active living. This grant needs to be applied for by the Town; Ms. Bodhi is determining if the necessary commitment from other Town departments is available.

IV. Schedule Next BOH Meeting/Agenda Closing Date

- A.** The next BOH meeting will be April 23, 2009.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:15 p.m.

Epi Bodhi, Health Director

Approved: 4-23-09

